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Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

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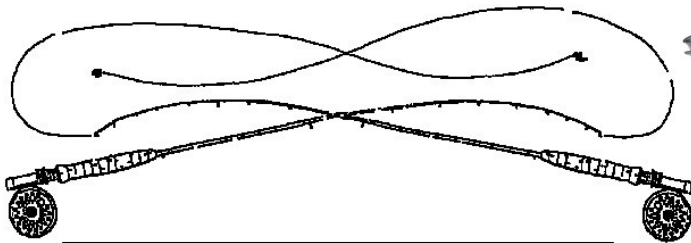
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Our guest speaker for the October meeting will be Ben Parnell with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). He will discuss Stockton Lake and provide information to the fish that are in the lake, and the 400 under waters structures that the MDC provide for fish habitat. He will provide the MDC role to provide outstanding fishing opportunities and information to fishing Stockton Lake.

The 24,900-acre Stockton Lake was created when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed a dam across the Sac River near Stockton in 1970. Stockton Lake offers beautiful scenery with three hundred miles of unspoiled shoreline and an hour drive from Springfield. The area of Fellows Lake is 860-acre, making Stockton Lake 29 times larger.

I was introduced to Stockton Lake in the early 1980's, fishing from a motorized john boat. Over the years, I would take day trips with Paul Henry and drive to the many public access to walk in with fly rod in hand to fish the shoreline looking for white bass, walleye or any-time else that could straighten a line. One could hook-up with a carp, channel cat, drum, or bluegill. Paul favorite spot was the Master recreational area fishing with the wind in your face points. The Masters area has been restricted by the army corps the last decade due to financial constraints and being under used and is no longer a drive-in access to fish. I was told you can still fish it but accessing it by hiking in or fish it from a boat. That would be several miles to by foot to fish these points.

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Another frequent area we use to fish was the old RA road near Masters. One can park at the designated parking lot and walk in a short distance to the water's edge. Stockton Lake has three marinas, and 10 public-use areas. It is surrounded by unspoiled, tree-covered hills. Its banks are owned and operated by the Army Corps of Engineers. Several sources for Stockton Lake state "Fishing is great, Stockton has become one of the best walleye fishing lakes in the Midwest".

Stockton Lake is one of Missouri's seven major lakes, all man-made. It was formed by damming the Sac River near the city of Stockton in 1969. The lake is crossed by three state highways over a network of six bridges. A pipeline carries water from Stockton Lake to Fellows Lake in northern Greene County to help supplement water for the city of Springfield.

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Chapter News:



***Chili feed, Saturday, October 14 , bring a side dish or chili,
11am-1pm, Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery Pavilion, Branson***



Fly Tying Event was the Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph tied by John Bush

MTFA ANNUAL CHILI FEED

The annual MTFA chili feed will be held at the Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery on October 14, 2023,

11:00 AM-1:00 PM at the “pavilion”. Please join us for some old-fashioned chili and corn bread on us.



All MTFA members are invited to join us for this annual event. The Branson chapter is hosting this event, but if any other MTFA members want to assist, you are more than welcome. I've posted the recipe for the chili below for anyone wishing to “BOB”, that is bring your own! If you have any questions, contact me: Matthew Peet at 417-546-3151 or 417-231-5502

INGREDIENTS

2 lbs. ground beef
1 can diced tomatoes with green chilies (14.5 oz)
1 pkg. Williams Chili Seasoning, any flavor
1 can chili beans (15.5 oz)
salt, to taste

PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Crumble and brown ground beef in large skillet. Drain fat if desired. Stir in diced tomatoes with green chilies. Blend in Williams Chili Seasoning. Salt if desired. Add chili beans and simmer 10 minutes or longer. Top with whatever sounds good today.

Fishing Reports:



Keith Coffey, Bennett Spring, Tuesday ,September 12th: caught 31 fish. Mostly on green wispy and blue crackle back. Also caught some on a pellet fly. Fished the Gut Hole, Holland Dam upper pool, and the spring.



Also fished Bennett Monday, September 25, caught 13 fish. I went again on Tuesday, the 26th, didn't get there until about 8:30.

Fished the gut hole for a couple hours I caught several there a then went to the handy cap hole and caught a few. To many there to get to fish much. Went up to the spring and caught several there Caught about 22. I caught almost all on a wispy fly. caught a few on a crakleback. Left about 1pm getting to hot.

Bob Randall, Bennett Spring, Tuesday, September 12th: Caught 5. A front went through the previous night. I thought it would be really good. I spoke with one guy who had been fishing for several days. He commented that the morning early bite didn't happen. I saw very few bent rods but there were a few good stringers lugged about. However, there were three guys just tearing them up including Keith Coffey. One of the other guys was throwing a hot pink glo ball up at the spring. Another guy was throwing something small and red at the top of the Gut Hole. I caught them on a San Juan worm and a small white and red mop fly. I even tried a green wispy and a red wispy. Never thought to tie on a crackleback so I'm tying some up for next time.

Larry Olson, Benentt Spring, September 13, water very low and clear, needs more water in the stream for his liking. Saw few fish caught. Caught one trout and one sculpin.

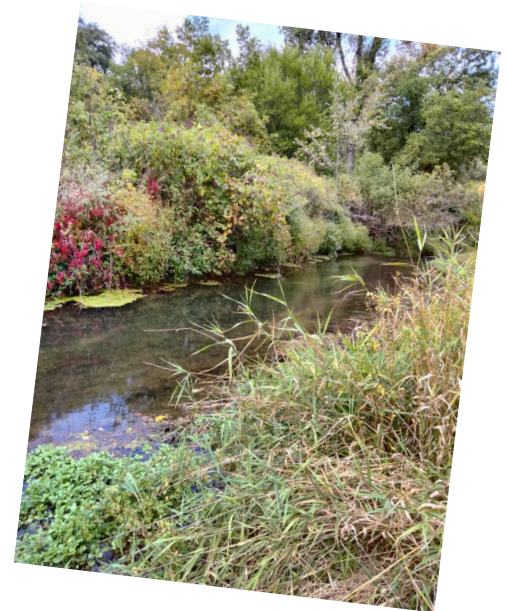
Tuesday, September 26: Took my granddaughter to Bennett today. Tried a pheasant tail and partridge , had just one hit. I switched to a sz 20 Griffiths gnat and caught 8. 3 on top and 5 on the retrieve. Keera doesn't have the skills yet to fish that fly. We tried a few different things, but no luck for her.

Fishing Reports Continued:

Les Wilson, Fished White River 9/19-22 between Cotter and Buffalo City with youngest Son. Floated in our canoes, 2 days and 2 days out of the boat. Many, many fish brought to hand, most on a zig jig 1/16th oz, Most rainbows, a few browns and a few smallmouth, olive/orange, brown orange, and tri olive were the best colors for us.



Mike Kohl: Iowa Driftless Area, caught this nice Wild Brown Trout on the Little Paint and Bloody Run Creeks. Cracklebacks and Hoppers. I caught a dozen Trout on these beautiful little streams.



Bob Randall and grandkids, Turkey Creek confluence with Lake Taneycomo:



September 7th Fish Fry, Picnic, and Fishing Event at Mountain Springs Trout Park was delicious and great fun! Thanks to Rod Pennington for the fish, Kim Schultz, Todd and Donna Christell for food prep.



Treasurer's Report

As of 9/27/2023

Dennis Stead

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>
Beginning Check Book Balance	\$ 7,431.31
1 MSU Class @\$798	\$ -
16 student fees @\$25	\$ -
Education Donation	\$ -
Memberships (93)	\$ 360.00
Raffle (Christmas) Pipkin	\$ 50.00
Memorial	\$ -
Misc. (gifts)(others)	\$ -
Refund (Derby Prizes)	\$ 1,500.00
Refund (Derby Food)	\$ 364.56
Christmas Dinner	\$ -
Expo**	\$ -
Total	\$ 9,705.87

EXPENDITURES

CFM dues	\$ -
Charity (Pipkin & Tables Bennett)	\$ 1,000.00
Derby Prizes	\$ 1,519.16
Derby Food	\$ 126.27
Discretionary fund	\$ -
Equipment (Includes storage)	\$ 840.00
Expo	\$ 1,500.00
Derby Lodging	\$ 131.53
MTFA State Membership Dues	\$ 206.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 302.00
Library	\$ -
Membership	\$ -
Education Expenses	\$ -
MSU Expenses	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ -
Newsletter Postage & supplies	\$ -
Programs	\$ 24.00
Rental Agreement Fish Fry	\$ -
Socials	\$ 304.08
Website	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 6,203.04
Ending Check Book Balance	\$ 3,502.83

Current Check Book Balance	\$ 3,502.83
Current date	9/27/23

MTFA Calendar

**October 5: Monthly Chapter Meeting, Library Center, Community Room B
Presentation: Ben Parnell, MDC Biologist Walleye**

**Monthly Chapter Meeting, Library Center, Community Room B, Presentation:
Tyler James River**

October 14: Chili Feed, Shepherd of the Hills Pavilion w/ Branson

October 26: Chapter Fly Tying at Library Center, Community Room B

**November 2: Monthly Chapter Meeting, Library Center, Community Room B,
TBA**

November 16: Chapter Fly Tying at Library Center, Community Room B

December 7: Christmas Party & Installation of 2024 officers

December 28: Chapter Fly Tying at Library Center, Community Room B

Water levels:

Roaring River water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Taneycomo water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Bennett Spring water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

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